



TOWN OF SURF CITY

October 18, 2019 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Agenda

9:00 AM / Friday, October 18, 2019

Surf City Welcome Center, 102 N. Shore Drive

Councilmembers Present:

Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem

Donald Helms

Nelva Albury

Teresa Batts

Jeremy Shugarts

Call to Order

Mayor Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

Invocation & Pledge

Introductions & Welcome

Tropical Storm Update

James Horne, EM Director gave an update on the most recent tropical system in the gulf, expected to arrive locally on Sunday.

Work Plan

1. Bid Tabulations - Paving RFP
2. Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
3. Saltwater Landing ROW

Town Council Work Plan Items:

1. Bid Tabulations - Paving RFP - Ashley Loftis, Manager

Mrs. Loftis reviewed the bid tabulations for street re-paving throughout town. Mr. Merritt identified the most critical areas to be paved, ten are for total re-construction and 2 areas that could have either an overlay or total re-construction. The managers recommendation was ST Wooten for a total re-construction of all roads included in the RFP.

Mrs. Batts questioned if there would be FEMA reimbursement.

Mrs. Loftis stated they would give \$10,000 for a section of N. Shore Drive. The town has gone through this process twice with FEMA and they are holding firm at \$10,000.00.

David Price stated the new construction is to be designed to meet the current street standards.

Mrs. Loftis discussed there are no budgeted monies for this paving as these funds would need to come from Fund balance. The completion date is expected for February 2020.

The council came to a consensus to move forward with a contract with ST Wooten to be placed on the November 6th council agenda.

2. Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization - Deanna Trebil & Stephanie Kutz

Anthony Prinz, Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, discussed the potential for a partnership with transportation and planning as the community grows. This would be an opportunity to add Surf City to JUMPO, which would help shape the future of economic development.

Deanna Treibel, Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, explained that they are a multi-modal federally funded transportation planning organization. She discussed all the items they offer, the assistance with funding, and with two groups of leadership. The technical review committee and the transportation advisory committee. The MPO offers local representatives who can assist with any DOT, state, federal or local concerns. There is standing with DOT as they meet every two weeks with DOT. The focus has grown to the whole region and reaching out to all Onslow County communities. They have successfully brought 25 projects to the JUMPO area totaling \$450 million funded dollars. Currently the MPO is funded 80% from the federal government, 10% from the county and 10% from the city of Jacksonville, thus that is how the voting structure is molded.

The Mayor stated he liked the idea of joining the MPO and all the assistance they could offer, however, he would like to have a local representative on the board.

Anthony asked for a resolution to be passed for concurrence of the JUMPO county wide. Then in the spring timeframe they would come back with a memorandum agreement. They want to do this growth strategically and establish a collaboration. The first resolution is demonstrating interest and is not a binding contract. He encouraged the board to attend JUMPO meetings and see how they operate. The Technical committee would be at a staff level and they meet Oct. 28 at 3:30. The Advisory committee meets every other month. He recommended drafting a letter and sending to the chairman to initiate the dialogue.

Council consensus was to send a letter to Chairman Warden illustrating interest.

3. Saltwater Landing ROW - Ashley Loftis, Manager

Mrs. Loftis discussed the rights-of-way within Saltwater Landing regarding the transfer of property from the developer. The attorney is reviewing the documentation of the transfer and the process of transferring the sidewalks over to the town, not to include the portion of sidewalks within the driveways.

Mrs. Loftis spoke on the PARTF grant application for the town. During the plan process most citizens were concerned about having a skatepark. A skatepark would require land acquisition, a development company has identified the parcel next to the new town hall. This would be a 50/50 match for land acquisition.

Mr. Fowler stated the parks and recreation committee has worked very hard and they put out a citizen survey and this was the most wanted item in the survey. He stated it was a good move to utilize these grant funds.

Council consensus was to move forward with PARTF grant for the purchase of the land beside town hall.

Mrs. Loftis stated she has been in communication with a local businessowner who has a space to lease for town hall temporarily. She stated there were two concerns, one they requested a two-year lease, the architect believes it will take a year and half to complete the town hall. Two, the offices spaces are small and may not accommodate the current office furniture we have.

Mr. Shugarts mentioned the office space above the Dollar General.

Mr. Fowler asked for Mrs. Loftis to explore both locations and turn around the best option for the town for rental space.

There was discussion on the street sweeper and mosquito spraying.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

